

Table 5-6. Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Insurance Program Statistics
Selected Years 1970-2013

	Benefit Year Ending ^a							
	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2011	2012	2013
Insured unemployment (percent) ^b	11	17	9	5	10	5	4	4
Coverage (qualified in thousands)	748	609	349	278	252	239	235	244
Unemployment (average daily benefit)	\$12.61	\$24.94	\$30.16	\$45.51	\$63.42	\$65.23	\$65.22	\$63.98
Sickness (average daily benefit)	\$12.66	\$24.97	\$30.25	\$45.75	\$63.62	\$65.65	\$65.77	\$64.50
Number of beneficiaries								
Unemployment (thousands)	79.2	101.6	29.9	13.7	24.8	11.6	9.2	10.7
Sickness (thousands)	91.4	76.8	28.3	22	17.8	17.4	16.7	15.8
Benefit exhaustions, normal								
Unemployment (thousands)	6.3	11.2	5.6	2.1	7.5	2.8	2.2	2.5
Sickness (thousands)	16.8	9.5	6.1	4.1	3.2	3.1	3	2.6
Amount paid								
Unemployment (millions) ^c	\$35.0	\$112.7	\$57.2	\$35.6	\$138.2	\$51.4	\$40.7	\$47.1
Sickness (millions)	\$57.9	\$60.0	\$32.6	\$40.5	\$52.4	\$51.2	\$49.1	\$43.4

Source: U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

Note: This table was updated on September 18, 2014 for the 2014 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.

a. Actual amounts are shown.

b. Unemployment beneficiaries divided by employees eligible for unemployment insurance; does not include sickness insurance beneficiaries. Employees are eligible for unemployment benefits based on having creditable earnings above a minimum threshold during the base year (the year ending before the period of unemployment). New workers must also have at least five months of covered railroad employment to be eligible for unemployment benefits.

c. Starting in June 2009 includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized through 2013.